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respect in which these men were held. Members of the most intelligent families of that day — De Windt, Gosman, Schoonmacher, etc. — confess to having called the doctor and seen his cures. Is it a trace of old-time tree-worship, or older sorcery, or modern faith-cure?

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WEATHER LORE. — I would like to add some items of folk-wisdom to Mr. Newell's and Mrs. Bergen's collection of "Weather Lore" (vol. ii. p. 203). In order to make my material useful, I will indicate localities in parentheses. There is no attempt here at classification, except that I confine myself to prognostications derived from animals, birds, fishes, etc.

The braying of a donkey is sign of rain. (Yates Co., N. Y.)

Pigs see the wind. (Long Island.)

When a storm is brewing the cows are uneasy. (Ohio.)

When the clouds are full of water the fish will not bite. (Yates Co., N. Y.)

If the cat washes over one ear there will be a shower. (New York, N. Y.)

If the cat washes both ears many times there will be a flood. (Westchester Co., N. Y.)

If the cat washes the right ear with right paw there will be rain. (New York, N. Y.)

If the cat washes the right ear with the left paw there will be thunder and lightning. (New York, N. Y.)

It is going to be a cold winter if the shells of mussels and clams are unusually thick. (New Jersey.)

So, too, if crab-shells are thick, it is a sign of cold winter coming on. (N. J.)

The closing up of the field-mouse's hole indicates a severe winter. (Yates Co., N. Y.)

When the coons are fatter than usual, a colder winter than usual is due. (Kentucky, also Pennsylvania.)

Bull-frogs croak after dark in dry weather for rain. (Yates Co., N. Y.)

If the wild geese fly south very early in the fall, it indicates a cold wave coming on. (Long Island.)

It is quite a general idea that the goose-bone indicates the temperature in store for us. Some weather-prophets claim to be able to read the goose-bone. Thus, the darker the spots the colder the weather is sure to be. (Conn.) The row of dark spots about the sharp keel of the bone is an unfailing sign.

Thus, I have before me a drawing made from a spring goose. It is darkly shaded about the keel, and the draughtsman says: "If this does n't insure a hard winter, I don't know what does." (Philadelphia.) The spots this year (1890-91) are unusually dark.

L. J. Vance.

FOLK-LORE OF STONE IMPLEMENTS. — Mr. A. F. Chamberlain's citation of a note of mine is so apt that I give the whole account from the "Jesuit Relation of 1668," chapter second. Fathers Fremin, Pierron, and Bruyas